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JOHN LANG, Circulation Manager of THE TORONTO WORLD, do solemnly declare that the following statement shows the net circulation of THE WORLD for each day in the month of November, 1907:

Nov. 1	44,891	Nov. 17	40,191
Nov. 2	44,884	Nov. 18	40,191
Nov. 3	44,884	Nov. 19	40,191
Nov. 4	44,884	Nov. 20	40,191
Nov. 5	44,884	Nov. 21	40,191
Nov. 6	44,884	Nov. 22	40,191
Nov. 7	44,884	Nov. 23	40,191
Nov. 8	44,884	Nov. 24	40,191
Nov. 9	44,884	Nov. 25	40,191
Nov. 10	44,884	Nov. 26	40,191
Nov. 11	44,884	Nov. 27	40,191
Nov. 12	44,884	Nov. 28	40,191
Nov. 13	44,884	Nov. 29	40,191
Nov. 14	44,884	Nov. 30	40,191
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Net Average for 26 Days

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Net Average Four Sundays

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The foregoing figures include all papers actually sold and do not include damaged papers, samples or returned copies.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act, 1907.

Declared before me at the City of Toronto, in the County of York, this 30th day of November, A.D. 1907.

(Sgd.) JOHN LANG, A Commissioner, etc.

NO WHITE COAL MONOPOLY.

Argument apparently serious is offered in support of the proposition that the electric light controlled by the electric light have no exclusive right to develop, transmit and distribute Niagara electricity, they must be treated as if an absolute monopoly had been conferred upon them.

From the point of view of the public interest, the contention is astounding and cannot be entertained for one moment.

Furthermore, no claim to an exclusive monopoly has ever been advanced on behalf of the Toronto Electric Light Company, that would surely have been done, had any real or fancied ground existed for it, at the time the Incandescent Light Company was authorized to establish an independent system.

That competitive service was supposed to be for the public benefit, and its continuance in that capacity was the distinct understanding and formed part of the contract between the city and the Incandescent Company. It is not necessary to recall the circumstances attending the evasion of that agreement, accomplished, as it was, by the aid of legal technicalities, at the cost of honor and good faith.

The incident, however, is enough to destroy the pretension now put forward that the Toronto Electric Light Company should be treated as holders of an absolute monopoly. If the argument is sound it would apply equally to a proposal to establish an independent private company, since there is no valid reason why a city that can authorize this should not undertake the business for itself. Indeed, if the constant assertion of the opponents of public ownership is correct, the threatened corporation ought certainly to prefer civic competition to competition by another private company. For are the people not told and assured that it is quite impossible for a public, owned and operated enterprise to be conducted as cheaply and efficiently as one in private hands? It is difficult enough to deal with public service corporations that have really been granted monopolies, but troubles will be multiplied if corporations that hold franchises, neither naturally nor by convention monopolies, are to be treated as immune from competition.

Certainly there is nothing in the record of the Toronto Electric Light Company to justify a demand that it should be treated with exceptional and extraordinary consideration. Its directors and the directors of the Incandescent Light Company were not troubled with scruples when they successfully endeavored to evade the stipulation in the latter's agreement with the city, binding it to give a competitive service. Why, indeed, should the public, who are the proper owners of public franchises and create and enhance their value, be always expected on the one hand, to accept with equanimity repudiation and breach of clear bargains, by public service corporations, and on the other to extend to these corporations consideration far in excess of their legal rights? The white coal of Niagara, so the people were informed, would be a public boon of the highest importance and would practically bring electric light and power within the reach of many thousands to whom it had been only an object of desire. The white coal has arrived, but where is the benefit to the common people? That is what the people want information about, and it can only be got by passing the power bylaw. Therefore, if the citizens want white coal cheap, let them pass the bylaw and return a mayor, controllers and

aldermen pledged to hearty and continuous support of the power policy of the provincial government.

THE PRESIDENT AND CORPORATIONS.

President Roosevelt's message will have a distinctly reassuring effect.

Not because its tenor differs from his earlier congressional deliverances or involves any departure from the policy he originally formulated and has consistently maintained, but rather on account of his evident belief in the essential soundness of United States conditions. The president remains of the opinion that while the business of the country is conducted with honesty and probity, in any large body of men there are certain to be some dishonest.

"When," he continues, "the misdeeds of these successfully dishonest men are discovered, suffering comes not only to them, but upon innocent men whom they have misled. In an effort to punish the guilty it is both wise and proper to endeavor to minimize the distress of those who have been misled, but it is not possible to refrain because of such distress from striving to put an end to misdeeds that are the ultimate cause of the suffering, and as a means to this end, where possible, to punish those responsible for them."

This is neither less nor more than President Roosevelt has always said, and but for the curious notions that prevail in some quarters regarding the charged with nature of the responsibility attaching to the men of the conduct of public service corporations, the principle underlying his words would not need justification. If the crimes of individuals ought not to be concealed and condoned, neither should the crimes of corporations, nor should there be any more hesitation in prosecuting and punishing those instigating and profiting by corporate misdoing.

Indeed there is less reason for leniency in the case of corporations, because the direct and indirect injury their wrongful conduct entails upon the state, and the people who are the state, is both deeper and less easily remedied.

If there is corruption in representative bodies, it can be laid almost wholly at the door of public service companies who have not scrupled to use each and every legal weapon that appeared likely to aid their exploitation of the public pocket.

The president's attitude regarding public service corporations and other big combinations of capital organized for the purpose of acquiring a practical monopoly of a public necessity does not differ in any material respect from that of Governor Hughes of New York, whose methods, if less strenuous than Mr. Roosevelt's, are just as determined and uncompromising. In the meantime both pin their faith to governmental control and regulation, both of public service corporations, and of combinations formed in connection with ordinary competitive business. But the time will come when the vital difference between these will be more clearly seen. With a public service corporation, control, to be of any real use, must be of a minute and positive kind. It must regulate not only what is not to be done but what is being done in the conduct of the service entrusted to it. But a business combination must be restrained only when its abuses are acquired by combination to the public detriment. Regulation and control of public utility corporations must be much more than that to be of any value and at best is only a stepping stone to public operation, the only logical and practical solution of the question of cheap and efficient service.

GRAFTING OPERATION

Successfully Performed at Ottawa on Wreck Victim.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—A remarkable grafting operation was performed to-day by Dr. Kidd, Eugene Herbert Reynolds, who was injured in the Plantagenet wreck on Sept. 11, has lain in the hospital ever since, and there has been doubt that one of the legs, from which most of the flesh and skin had been burned off, could be saved. However, it was stated by Dr. Kidd that if the skin of a healthy man could be procured and grafted, Reynolds would have more than a fighting chance. Hearing of this, fourteen railway men at once volunteered to help their mate, and from the arms of ten of them little pieces of skin were removed and attached to Reynolds' limb. The operation was most successful.

OTTAWA IS GROWING.

Application for the Annexation of Adj. Village.

Ottawa wants to annex the Village of East Ottawa, covering an area of 370 acres, with a population of 1800. The village has liabilities amounting to \$35,000, which are to be taken over by the city along with the assets, which exceed the liabilities.

The city and the railway board are considering an application regarding the matter.

A Farmers' Institute Club has been established at Mono Mills, the Mono Mills, Caledon and Charlton Institutes having combined to meet and discuss rural phones and other matters.

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DECIDE AGAINST CAR LINE BY WAY OF THE OLD FORT

Strong Delegation Sway Parks Committee in Favor of Strachan Avenue Route.

The parks committee yesterday put itself on record as opposed to a car line thru Garrison Common, showing a preference for the Strachan-avenue route, which, while more costly, was considered more advisable.

The engineer's report favored a street car line across the tracks at Bathurst-street, thence on a viaduct to the entrance to the Old Fort, thru the centre of this along the roadway, thence along the Garrison-road, across the C. P. R. right of way, and then parallel with it to the exhibition. The cost of bridges would be \$107,000, including \$80,000 for bridges at Bathurst-street, and crossing the C. P. R. tracks to the Queen's Wharf. A \$27,000 retaining wall will be necessary.

There are fewer engineering difficulties by way of Tecumseh-street, but the Bathurst, the engineer said, is the more direct, and provides a route to the island.

There was a large deputation present representative of the historical societies opposed to what was declared by the speakers to be an intention to desecrate the graves of defenders of old Fort York. Dr. G. Sterling Rysor said the desecration would be as great as the street were opened thru St. James' Cemetery.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson for the Ontario Historical Society said that the York Pioneers had been "bribed" to approve the route by the promise of a new building at the exhibition. "You might just as well turn St. James' Cathedral into a theatre," she declared.

J. O. Shaw represented the Northwest Field Force and Canadian Veterans' Association, Major Collins the Army and Navy Veterans, Canon McNabb of the U. E. Loyalists' Association, and Col. Clarence Denison the Daughters of the Empire.

It was decided to have Mr. Rust report on the cost of a high level bridge at Strachan-avenue, and also of a subway from Wellington-street to the south end of Strachan-avenue.

The plans of the new exhibition entrance on Dufferin-street, to cost \$3,000, were approved.

Aid. Bengough advocated the purchase of Kennedy property, west of Dufferin-street, including a handsome residence valued at about \$30,000, which he thought would make a suitable residence for the commissioner.

It was decided to have the city solicitor report on the closing of Dufferin-street.

Big New Lake Steamer.

The lake liner Kenora, owned by the Canadian Lake Line Company, and built by A. McMillan & Son, Glasgow, arrived in the harbor yesterday afternoon. She will run from Montreal to Fort William.

The length of the new freighter is 256 feet, beam 42 feet, and draws, when loaded, 18 feet of water. Its freight capacity is 3000 tons.

The Kenora loaded sugar at Montreal for Hamilton on her maiden trip on Lake Ontario. She will lay up for the winter at Toronto.

The advanced shares case in the York Loan claim series will be resumed at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Better Than Tin Cans.

Who is Bill Clarke?

Last night a dozen bandmen were parading downtown streets, giving prominence to the announcement displayed on two large cards: "We're Celebrating Bill Clarke's Wedding." White ribbons were used for decorative effects.

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